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SUBJECT: FRG CONCERNS ABOUT NATO CONSULTATIONS ON SALT
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1. WE APPRECIATE THE FRANKNESS WITH WHIC; FRG PERMREP
PAULS EXPRESSED FRG AND HIS OWN PERSONAL CONCERNS ABOUT
THE NEED FOR NATO CONSULTATIONS ON KEY ISSUES BEFORE

RESUMPTION OF THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS. AS VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE SAID TO THE NAC IN JANUARY AND HAS BEEN REAFFIRMED SINCE, CONSULTATIONS WITH OUR ALLIES ARE AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF OUR PREPARATIONS FOR THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS. MISSION SHOULD SEEK EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO REASSURE AMBASSADOR PAULS THAT WE ARE ANTICIPATING A NUMBER OF CONSULTATIONS, BOTH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL, WITH OUR ALLIES BEFORE AND AFTER SECRETARY VANCE'S TRIP TO MOSCOW AT THE END OF MARCH.

2. IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO OUTLINE TO AMBASSADOR PAULS THE CURRENTLY SCHEDULED AND PLANNED CONSULTATIONS WITH THE ALLIES WE SEE IMMEDIATELY AHEAD. PRESENTLY WE HAVE IN VIEW BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS LATER THIS MONTH WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER, MINISTER OF DEFENSE LEBER AND DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER RUTH OF THE FRG, AND PRIME

MINISTER CALLAGHAN AND FCO DEFENSE HEAD WILBERFORCE OF THE UK. WE WOULD EXPECT THESE DISCUSSIONS TO BE WIDE RANGING AND TO INCLUDE SALT AND OTHER ARMS CONTROL AND SECURITY ISSUES. IN ADDITION, UNDER CURRENT PLANNING THE SECRETARY PROPOSES TO BRIEF THE NAC ON MARCH 26 ON HIS WAY TO MOSCOW. ON HIS RETURN, THE SECRETARY IS PLANNING TO STOP IN BONN, PARIS AND LONDON, WHILE A SENIOR MEMBER OF HIS PARTY WILL BRIEF THE NAC ON THE MOSCOW TALKS.

3. WE BELIEVE THESE PLANNED MEETINGS REPRESENT AN EXTENSIVE PROGRAM OF CONSULTATIONS WITH NATO AND KEY
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ALLIES IN WHICH SECURITY AND OTHER ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO THE ALLIANCE MAY BE FRANKLY DISCUSSED. THESE CONSULTATIONS ARE ONLY THOSE PROJECTED BEFORE AND IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORTHCOMING MOSCOW VISIT. WE EXPECT TO CONTINUE INTENSIVE BILATERAL AND ALLIANCE CONSULTATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COMING MONTHS, LEADING UP TO THE SPRING MINISTERIALS AND BELGRADE.

4. AMBASSADOR SHOULD ALSO DESCRIBE TO LUNS OUR PRESENT PLANS FOR THE SECRETARY TO BRIEF THE NAC ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 26 EN ROUTE TO MOSCOW, AND REQUEST LUNS TO MAKE TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

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